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PLACEMENTS DOWN 4%

For the week ending December 02, 2006, growers placed 11.0 million broiler chicks in Delmarva growing houses, according to the Maryland Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. These placements were 3.6% below the comparable week a year earlier. Broiler-type chicks hatched (10.9 mil) decreased 4.0% from comparable week in 2005. Eggs set in incubators during the week totaled 13.6 million, a decrease of 3.8% from the same week a year earlier. Federally inspected slaughter on Delmarva was 11.3 million for the week ending November 25, 2006 compared to 9.4 million slaughtered during the same week in 2005.

BROILER-TYPE EGGS SET AND BROILER CHICKS PLACED ON DELMARVA

WEEK ENDING	EGGS SET 1/		CHICKS HATCHED 1/		CHICKS PLACED 2/	
	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR	PREV YEAR	CURR YEAR
----- THOUSANDS -----						
10/07/06	13,629	13,740	10,919	10,695	10,919	10,757
10/14/06	13,835	13,240	11,695	11,300	11,697	11,315
10/21/06	13,693	13,145	11,764	11,382	11,764	11,645
10/28/06	13,026	13,022	11,232	11,517	11,234	11,627
11/04/06	13,907	13,655	11,584	11,119	11,584	11,223
11/11/06	13,596	13,164	11,478	10,905	11,480	10,925
11/18/06	13,852	13,622	10,939	10,865	10,939	11,075
11/25/06	14,216	13,625	11,656	11,406	11,706	11,619
12/02/06	14,172	13,637	11,372	10,919	11,372	10,968

1/ For all broiler-type chicks, including those intended for hatchery flocks.

2/ The difference between chicks hatched and placed includes chicks withdrawn for hatchery flocks, inshipments and outshipments. None of those numbers are published to avoid disclosure of proprietary information.

* Revised.

NEGOTIATED PRICE FOR TRUCKLOT OF READY-TO-COOK, ICE-PACK, GRADE A FRYERS (\$ per CWT) 1/

	WEEK ENDING	PREV.	PREV.	PREV.
	12/09/06	WEEK	MONTH	YEAR
New York Weighted Avg	61.71	61.62	69.60	59.08
12-City Composite 2/	65.83	66.31	65.57	66.03

1/ Source: U.S.D.A., Poultry Market News.

2/ 12-cities: Boston/New England, Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Los Angeles, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, St. Louis and San Francisco.